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EXPOSITION ON ENVIRONMENT

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(B) STATE TEL 208008

(C) STATE A-5774 OF 7/6/73

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL (A) DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH
OUMAR DIARRA AND ANTOINE KOFFI, COUNSELOR AT IVORY COAST
EMBASSY. FULL DETAILS ON EXPO '74 MADE AVAILABLE TO
EMBASSY HERE WITH INFO PACKETS, COPIES OF ORIGINAL
DIPLOMATIC NOTES, ETC., FOR FORWARDING ABIDJAN.

2. INTEREST OF IVORY COAST PARTICIPATION MOST WELCOME BY
OFFICE OF U.S. COMMISSIONER GENERAL AND EXPO '74
MANAGEMENT. REPRESENTATION OF IVORY COAST AT THIS - THE
ONLY INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION BEING ORGANIZED IN THE
U.S. DURING OUR BICENTENNIAL ERA - WOULD GREATLY
ENHANCE PARTICIPATION NOW WELL UNDERWAY BY COUNTRIES
IN EUROPE, CENTRAL AND SOUTH ASIA, AND PAN PACIFIC
BASIN INCLUDING LATIN AMERICA. FURTHER DETAILS BY
SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

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EM DISCUSSIONS ALSO HELD WITH AUGUSTINE DONOGUIH,
FINANCIAL COUNSELOR OF IVORY COAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN
NEW YORK. HE NOW RETURNING ABIDJAN AND WILL CONSULT
WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND U.S. EMBASSY.

4. BELIEVE MANY ASPECTS OF IVORY COAST PAVILION AT OSAKA
EXPO '74 RELEVANT TO EXHIBIT THEY MIGHT ARRANGE AT
SPOKANE. IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE IS THAT SPOKANE IS
NATIONAL EXHIBIT PROJECT AND DOES NOT INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION
OF COSTLY NATIONAL PAVILIONS. RENTAL OF COVERED SPACE
ALREADY CONSTRUCTED RUNS ABOUT \$35,000 FOR SIX MONTHS
WITH REST OF EXHIBIT COST UNDER CONTROL OF PARTICIPATING
GOVERNMENT.

5. IVORY COAST REPRESENTATIVES HERE SUGGEST FOLLOWING
OFFICIALS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSIONS INITIATED
BY EMBASSY.

(A) MINISTRY OF ECONOMY & FINANCE; ATTENTION MR. ANON
TANOI, DIRECTOR OF IVORY COAST CENTRE OF EXTERNAL COMMERCE.

(B) MINISTRY OF PLANS; ATTENTION MR. KOUAMAN YAO, DIRECTOR
OF BUREAU FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

(C) SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MINES; MR. CJUI DIBO.

(D) SECRETARY OF STATE FOR REFORESTATION; MR. TORO.

(E) MINISTER OF STATE OF TOURISM; MR. EKRH MATTHIEU

6. SOME CONSIDERATION GIVEN IVORY COAST JOINT
PARTICIPATION WITH NEIGHBORING WEST AFRICAN STATES.
HOWEVER CRITICAL TIME DEADLINES BETWEEN NOW AND OPENING
MAY 3 UNTIL NOVEMBER 4, 1974 WOULD APPEAR RULE OUT THIS
POSSIBILITY.

7. REQUEST EMBASSY INITIATIVE TO EXPLORE SUBJECT AT
HIGHEST APPROPRIATE POLITICAL/ECONOMIC LEVEL AND
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